

# **HAWAII (Sen. Schatz and Hirono)**

## **Current Condition of Transportation:**

- 13% of HI's major roads are in poor condition<sup>1</sup>
  - Costs each Hawaiian motorist \$544 a year in extra maintenance <sup>2</sup>
  - A total of 550 lives were lost on HI's highways from 2009 to 2013<sup>3</sup>
- Vehicle travel on HI's highways increased 25% from 1990-2013<sup>4</sup> while the state population grew by 26% in that time<sup>5</sup>
- 47% of HI's major highways are congested. <sup>6</sup>
  - Congestion in America costs motorists \$121b annually in wasted fuel

## **Commerce:**

- 47% of the \$22b in goods shipped annually within HI traveled by truck across the state's vast highway infrastructure<sup>7</sup>

## **Need for Federal Investment:**

- Nearly 79% federal share of Hawaii Highway Capital Program<sup>8</sup>
- National Interstate Backlog of \$185.24b on 47,575 miles of interstate.<sup>9</sup>
  - National Highway System (NHS) backlog of \$424.5b on 227,224 miles of the NHS.

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## **DRIVE Act —→ *What this does for Hawaii***

### **Prioritize bridge reconstruction and safety:**

- Increased bridge set aside funding for:
  - HI's 61 structurally deficient bridges - 42% of Hawaii's bridges are rated as structurally deficient or functionally obsolete<sup>10</sup>

### **Improve Commerce:**

- In the first 3 years of the DRIVE Act, HI will receive \$19,019,388 in addition to growth of the existing programs for freight.
- Prioritizes federal spending on the interstate for projects in the national economic interest

### **Long-Term 6-Year Certainty:**

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<sup>1</sup> TRIP

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<sup>3</sup> FHWA

<sup>4</sup> TRIP

<sup>5</sup> US Census

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<sup>7</sup> TRIP

<sup>8</sup> ARTBA

<sup>9</sup> AASHTO and FHWA

<sup>10</sup> FHWA

- Total share for first 3 years of DRIVE Act: \$528,964,649 that the state would not get otherwise.
- Critical Projects:
  - a. Saddle Road extension to Queen Kaahumanu Highway: would significantly lesson congestion in West Hawaii<sup>11</sup>
  - b. Kawaihae Bypass: On project lists for years, the construction of the bypass would significantly lesson congestion in Kawaihae<sup>12</sup>
- Building off NEPA reforms accomplished in MAP-21, DRIVE is cutting red tape and accelerating project delivery to increase HI's ability to efficiently finish projects.
- DRIVE delivers 6 years of certainty. 12 short term extensions since SAFETEA-LU have impeded on HI's ability to properly plan and budget for transportation projects.
- DRIVE gives HI the ability to prepare for the next 50 years. With a focus on innovation, HI can better deploy technology to improve the state transportation network.

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<sup>11</sup> <http://www.westhawaii.com/news/local-news/20-year-highway-plan-short-funds>

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